

Patent claims

1. Cervical intervertebral prosthesis with at least
5 one cover plate (3, 4) to be connected to one of
the two adjacent vertebral bodies (1, 2), and with
a securing plate (12) which secures this cover
plate (3, 4) and is to be fastened to the ventral
10 surface of the vertebral body (1, 2),
characterized in that the securing plate (12) is a
separate part unconnected to the cover plate (3,
4).
2. Intervertebral prosthesis according to Claim 1,
15 characterized in that the cover plate (3, 4) is
provided with a limit stop surface (11) facing in
the dorsal direction.
3. Intervertebral prosthesis according to Claim 1 or
20 2, characterized in that the securing plate, if
appropriate with the fastening means provided for
it, is biodegradable.
4. Intervertebral prosthesis according to one of
25 Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the securing
plate is a circular disk.
5. Instrument for positioning a securing plate (12)
30 which is to be fastened by means of fastening
screws (13) to the ventral surface of a vertebral
body (1, 2) in order to secure an intervertebral
prosthesis (3, 4, 5), characterized in that is
formed by a drill gauge (20, 21) which is intended
35 for the fastening screws (13) and which is
connected to the prosthesis (3, 4, 5) or a
prosthesis model or can be connected thereto in a
predetermined relative position.